

She married Mr. Edward Rowland Hill. His mother was Lena A. O. Stokes, a descendant of Henry Stokes, and of Michael Raysor and Eleanor Risher. She married Richard Sleigh Hill, son of Richard Hill. This couple have had three children: 1. Genevieve Stokes, born October 5, 1893. 2. Edward Rowland, born June 27, 1895, and died December 12, 1896. 3. Helen Lucy, born July 12, 1900. It is a curious fact that these children are at once great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren of Benjamin Risher (1), and Mary de Fontaine; and twenty-first and twenty-second in descent from Sir Adam de Stokke. Mrs. Hill died March 21, 1904.

John Lemacks Stokes was born February 5, 1854. I was educated entirely at home, by "Aunt Lizzie," Mr. Malone and through my own efforts. The time I attended school at St. George, Mr. Cantwell teacher, was but a brief episode. My father made what contribution he could, giving me all my time, and the needed books, and this when he was sorely pressed financially. At the age of eighteen (nearly) I joined the church, and at a little over twenty I was converted. On June 6, 1874, at old Salem church, Hendersonville, S. C., I was licensed to preach. My first sermon was delivered at Sandy Dam, near Walterboro, Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1874, from I Cor. i, 27. On December 16, 1874, just short of twenty-one, I entered the S. C. Conference. December 27, 1876, I married Loretta Pearce Barentine of Marlboro County, S. C.

I pause to trace her ancestry. Capt. Daniel Sparks (Gregg's "History of the Old Cheraws," chap. 5, pp 98 and 99) "was a noted captain of militia in the Revolution, and rendered valuable services to his country. \* \* \* \* He settled first in what has long been known as the Beauty Spot, in Marlboro District. The family afterward resided at the 'Red Bluff,' in the Welch Neck." (See also Thomas' "History of Marlboro County," pp. 34 and 35, 105 and 106). He came from Virginia. He had a daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy), who married Silas Pearce, also from Virginia. She